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TAGS: MASS, NE, IR

SUBJECT: DUTCH FRIGATES FOR IRAN

REFS: STATE 208599, THE HAGUE 4634

1. ALLARD STIKKER, PRESIDENT OF RYR-SCHELDE-VEROLINE SHIPYARD WHICH WILL BUILD THE FRIGATES, CALLED ON ACTING ASS'T SEC'Y VINE AUGUST 23. STIKKER WAS DISTURBED ABOUT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN US-DUTCH-IRAN FRIGATE CONSULTATIONS. ACCORDING TO STIKKER FIRST TWO DAYS WERE DEVOTED TO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTION OF INTEROPERABILITY. DUTCH, REPRESENTED BY ADM. BINNENDIJK, DEFENSE ATTACHE OF NETHERLANDS EMBASSY, HAD THOUGHT TALKS WERE PROGRESSING WELL. THEN AT 3:00 P.M. MEETING AUGUST 23, STIKKER REPORTS THAT BINNENDIJK SAID HE WAS SHOCKED BY THE ROUGH, UNKIND AND NEGATIVE U.S. PRESENTATION WHICH CONTENTED  
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THAT U.S. WOULD REPORT TO IRAN THAT 1.) DUTCH WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE DATA CONTROL SYSTEM INTEROPERABLE IN TIME:  
2.) THE DUTCH RADAR FOR THE MISSILE GUIDANCE SYSTEM WAS INADEQUATE AND 3.) THE DUTCH WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THE IRANIAN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. (STIKKER CONTENTS THAT THESE WERE PRODUCED BY IRAN AT THE INSTIGATION OF, AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. NAVY AND ARE NOT REALIS-

TIC, AND COULD NOT BE MET BY ANY EXISTING SHIPS

IRRESPECTIVE OF COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION.)

2. STIKKER SAID DUTCH BELIEVE NEGATIVE US ATTITUDE IS THE RESULT OF QTE FANTASTIC UNQTE PRESSURE FROM INDUSTRY AND THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PEOPLE IN THE PENTAGON. A NEGATIVE REPORT ON DUTCH CAPABILITIES TO PRODUCE THE FRIGATES FROM THE US TO IRAN WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS AT THE GOVERNMENT LEVEL IN THE NETHERLANDS.

3. STIKKER SAID THE DUTCH HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE REPORT WOULD GO ONLY TO IRAN WITH NO COPIES TO THE DUTCH. HE ASKED THAT THE DUTCH BE GIVEN A COPY.

4. VINE UNDERTOOK TO CHECK WITH THE PENTAGON ABOUT PROVIDING THE DUTCH WITH A COPY OF ANY REPORT SENT TO IRAN. HE SAID WE WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO THE NETHERLANDS. THE PRESENT TALKS WERE AT IRANIAN INITIATIVE, NOT US. IF THE SHAH WANTED US SYSTEMS WE COULD NOT KEEP US FIRMS FROM BIDDING BUT GIVEN THE CEILING PROBLEM THIS DID NOT APPEAR LIKELY. VINE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS IN THE US INTEREST BOTH THAT INTEROPERABILITY ISSUE BE RESOLVED AND THAT WE FIND A SATISFACTORY WAY TO MEET THE SHAH'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FRIGATES.  
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